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1. WE AGREE THAT MR. ELMENDORF SHOULD BE GRANTED LEAVE AS SCHEDULED IN MARCH. ALSO, IN VIEW OF RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF THIRD C&R POSITION, IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL C&R PERSONNEL CAN BE GRANTED LEAVE AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF THE INCREASED COMMUNICATIONS WORKLOAD IN KUWAIT AND THE EFFICIENT MANNER IN WHICH THE C&R PERSONNEL HAVE RESPONDED. BUT WE DO NOT FEEL IT UNREASONABLE THAT TWO COMMUNICATORS BE AUTHORIZED, COLLECTIVELY, PAYMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 HOURS OVERTIME DAILY DURING THE TWO WEEK ABSENCE OF A THIRD COMMUNICATOR SO THAT ESSENTIAL C&R SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED.

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3. BEFORE DETERMINING TDY ASSIGNMENTS WE HAVE HAD TO CONSIDER NOT ONLY AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL, BUT ALSO COST OF ROUND-TRIP TRAVEL, PER DIEM (DOLS 84 DAILY IN KUWAIT), AND PREMIUM PAY. IN ADDITION, SOURCE POST MUST BEAR COST OF NECESSARY OVERTIME AND ADJUST WORK/LEAVE SCHEDULES TO HANDLE THEIR WORKLOAD WITH REDUCED STAFF. WE ALL ARE AWARE, OF COURSE, THAT PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE QUITE LIMITED. THEREFORE DEPARTMENT UNABLE AUTHORIZE TDY SUPPORT AT 3-POSITION C&R UNITS FOR ANNUAL LEAVE.

4. PARA TWO REFTEL WILL BE ANSWERED BY SEPTTEL. INGERSOLL

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